

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
PUBLIC SPEAKING  
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016  
6:30 PM  
City Council Chambers, City Hall  
45 Lyon Terrace  
Bridgeport, CT**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President McCarthy called the Public Speaking Session to order at 6:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Martinez called the roll.

The following members were present:

130<sup>th</sup> District: Kathryn Bukovsky, Scott Burns  
131<sup>st</sup> District: Jack O. Banta, Denese Taylor-Moye  
132<sup>nd</sup> District: John Olson  
133<sup>rd</sup> District: Thomas McCarthy  
134<sup>th</sup> District:  
135<sup>th</sup> District: Mary McBride-Lee, Richard Salter  
136<sup>th</sup> District: José Casco, Alfredo Castillo  
137<sup>th</sup> District: Aidee Nieves, Milta Feliciano  
138<sup>th</sup> District: Anthony Paoletto, Nessah Smith  
139<sup>th</sup> District: Eneida Martinez, James Holloway

A quorum was present.

Council President McCarthy said that Council Member Herron was ill and not able to attend and Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia was delayed due to a work related issue.

**THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
<b>Clyde Nicholson</b> 54 Wallace Street Bridgeport, CT 06604	Taxes.

Mr. Nicholson came forward to asked that money be set aside for the students in the schools. He said that he would like the Council to institute gun free zones at the schools. Mr. Nicholson said that if the City closed down the Annex, the extra money could be used for the schools. He said

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that the City would save over a million dollars by moving the offices back to City Hall. He said that he would to know how much it costs the City for the Annex. Council President McCarthy said that this was a public speaking session and the Council Members could not reply to questions. Mr. Nicholson asked for a show of hands of those who wanted to close the Annex and give the money to the schools. No one from the Council responded. Mr. Nicholson then said that the Council Members clearly don't care about the taxpayers and that the Mayor feels that he is too good to be up at Lyon Terrace with everyone else. He announced that he would be filing a lawsuit against the Council and the Mayor about this.

**Germaine Miller**  
43 Yale Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06605

United Credit Education Service.

Ms. Germaine Miller came forward and said that she was present to speak about the United Credit Education Service. She said the goal was to educate the young people about their credit scores. She listed a number of statistics about the people who are not financially educated and how that negatively impacts their lives. She asked if people knew their credit scores, and asked if it was over 750. Other questions that need to be asked if people had a will, a living will, whether their legal documents were in order so that a survivor could find things like life insurance policies. It is important to have a debt management plan and work towards debt free living. She would like to bring a financial literacy program into the schools to help the students become financial literate. Ms. Miller said that she had spoken to City Clerk Martinez about being able to bring some programs to City Hall to allow residents to learn about these various financial tools.

**John Marshall Lee**  
30 Beacon Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06605

City Fiscal Status.

Mr. Lee came forward to the podium with a pair of red rubber boots to address the Council. He read the following statement into the record.

Is the budget process complete for 2017? Or are you waiting for shoes to drop in Hartford to see the effect on City funding? What words do you have for parents and youth regarding dollars for education? Are schools a Council priority?

How do you feel about this process personally, especially the five new members of the Budget & Appropriations team? Were you to choose a grade for results, what do you deserve? How about a grade for effort?

- Would your work have been easier if the material delivered to you had been in better form? Comparing 2017 proposed to past years, did you receive enough info to be sure about employment positions in the City and whether they were filled or not? What about positions titles and responsibilities?
- How did you handle the massive Police Department budget that proposed to spend \$106 Million and according to the chart had 487 filled positions and 17 vacant? The material missed data for Narcotics and Vice and ignored totals ten divisions. How can you work with such information?

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- Did you use service indicators that are used week in and week out by department managers? Perhaps if they were provided by each department, regularly throughout the year rather than just once per year, you would see trends that help you in your search for effective and efficient process? Metrics are important in oversight.
- The FINAL June 2015 Monthly Financial report still has not been provided to you. Who will ask? If it had been presented to you in the form of the last two years, you would have had full detail that you later receive in the Appropriations Supplement, but you would have seen it months earlier normally and had a better idea of trends than just the one year actual history with the budget. Remember out of the last 25 years we have been shown only two such reports as final and audited, 2013 and 2014.
- How helpful did you find the professional budget advisor you hired? Should he have been here earlier? Assuring that the data form you would receive was accurate and complete? Will you let him put you on a better footing for next year? Perhaps you can use the "Other Services" line item for a lesson or two on what is needed by your Council and Committee to more ably serve as public watchdogs and trustees of City land, property and funds each month? What advice does he have for you from a fiscal analysis viewpoint? Do you have a five year funding plan for the City? Does the City? Why not develop one so that you see what kicking 'expenses into the future' is doing to the City? After all he has informed you that the administration perspective and that of the legislative body, the City Council, are different.
- Capital budgeting was conducted but little if anything was heard from the public. Did you invite them or just post a legal notice? Did you "solicit" ideas from the community as the words in the Charter instruct? If a constituent asks you about Capital budgets, what can you tell them or better yet, show them? How about a simple report identifying the many current Capital projects, from various departments that have been approved, authorized and actually funded over five year moving periods? There is no such document today, is there? Would it make sense? Is money ever left over? Are projects left incomplete at the end of five years?
- Everyone talks about cost cutting but where was this done this year? Relative to employment, if the same number of people is being paid eight months into the current fiscal year as before, where is the cost cutting? And if charts or tables of organization are not available to you or the taxpayer, what level of transparency and open governance is represented? How many City side employees are supported with grant funds either fully or partially? Where is grants info shown in the budget data presented to you? Should it be?
- Did you look at yourself in the mirror? At your own Legislative budget? Other Services budgeted at \$90,000 year in and year out goes 70-80% unspent. Why? If it is so, why not cut out that budget item? It is a genuine "ghost expense", isn't it?

Would there have been a different result this year had you been monitoring a monthly financial report that provided actual current employment info in each department? Ask for what you need? Keep improving your skills as a goalie, rather than cooperating in kicking the ball downfield. Time will tell.

Council President McCarthy announced that those were the speakers who had signed up in advance and that the next three speakers would be from the list that had signed up earlier in the meeting.

**Mr. Ethan Book**

692 Dewey St.  
Bridgeport, CT

Mr. Ethan Book came forward to speak about Minority Party Representatives. (See attached.)

**Mr. Jorge Cruz**

Sunshine Cir  
Bridgeport, CT

Mr. Jorge Cruz came forward to speak about a Southwest Community Health Center Opioid Panel on May 17th at 46 Albion Street in Bridgeport . He said that he was pleased that Shelton Mayor Lauretti, and Shelton Police Chief Sequiera would be present along with Bridgeport Representatives Rosario, Stafstrom and Senators Gomes and More to discuss this issues. He has been passing out flyers at various locations. He listed the number people who died in the State of Connecticut due to cocaine related issues during the past years. He said that the forum was to engage people to come together and deal with this plague together as a community.

**Mr. Michael Bottillo**

Jackson Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT

Mr. Michael Bottillo came forward to speak about the tax mill rate. He said that the Mayor had spoken about keeping taxes low. He asked why the City was waiting to hear from the State to set the mill rate. Council President McCarthy said that the Council Members could not answer questions during Public Speaking. Mr. Bottillo thanked the Council and said that this should not happen again.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council President McCarthy adjourned the Public Speaking Portion of the Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

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**7:00 PM**  
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**CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Ganim called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

**PRAYER**

Mayor Ganim then requested Council Member McBride-Lee to lead those present in prayer.

At the conclusion of that prayer, Council Member Martinez requested a moment of personal privilege and recognized the large number of firefighters present at the meeting. She then asked Ms. Jackie Pettway, the cousin of Firefighter Jimmy Jones, who died in a recent car accident, to come forward and lead those present in prayer in memory of Firefighter Jones, and for the recovery of his fiancée, his young son, and a friend who were in the vehicle at the time of the accident. Ms. Pettway came forward and led those present in prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ganim asked one of the interns to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Martinez called the roll.

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Council Member Martinez said she would like to take a point of personal privilege to respond to a slanderous remark made in an Connecticut Post editorial by another City Council Member. She said that she upset that another Council Member had become upset about where she was standing in a recent parade. The Council should work together and not tear each other apart.

Council Member McBride-Lee said that she was the one who had made the statement to the report and that no one else should be representing her in a parade.

**Mayoral Proclamation: Honoring Gilberto Hernandez, former City Council Member for the 137th District and current District Leader for the 137th District in the City of Bridgeport.**

Mayor Ganim came forward to greet Mr. Gilberto Hernandez. He then commended Mr. Hernandez for his involvement with the Latino community and his ten years of service on the City Council in the 1970's.

**City Council Citation: Honoring Gilberto Hernandez, former City Council Member for the 137th District and current District Leader for the 137th District in the City of Bridgeport.**

Numerous Council Members spoke about how Mr. Hernandez had enriched their lives. Ernie Newton also came forward to speak about the impact that Mr. Hernandez had on his life.

Mr. Hernandez said that he would like to thank everyone for their kind words.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

**Approval of City Council Minutes: April 4, 2016**

- \*\* COUNCIL SALTER MOVED THE MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2016.**
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2016 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**124-15 Communication from Parks and Recreation re: Proposed Sale of Certain Excess D. Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course Property and the Scheduling of a Public Hearing on this matter before the full City Council at the June 6th Meeting, referred to Contracts Committee.**

Council President McCarthy said that due to some timing issues, the matter regarding the Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course needed to come before the Council on June 1st rather than June 6th.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 124-15 FROM:**

**COMMUNICATION FROM PARKS AND RECREATION RE: PROPOSED SALE OF CERTAIN EXCESS D. FAIRCHILD WHEELER GOLF COURSE PROPERTY**

**AND THE SCHEDULING OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS MATTER BEFORE THE FULL CITY COUNCIL AT THE JUNE 6TH MEETING, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**TO:**

**COMMUNICATION FROM PARKS AND RECREATION RE: PROPOSED SALE OF CERTAIN EXCESS D. FAIRCHILD WHEELER GOLF COURSE PROPERTY AND THE SCHEDULING OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS MATTER BEFORE THE FULL CITY COUNCIL AT THE JUNE 1ST MEETING, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA ITEM 124-15 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:**

**116-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH ANGEL SANTIAGO, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**117-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: TWENTY DAY NOTICE TO SETTLE PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.10.130 WITH NELSON GONZALEZ, ACCEPTED AND MADE PART OF THE RECORD.**

**118-15 COMMUNICATION FROM TAX COLLECTOR RE: MUNICIPAL SUSPENSE TAX BOOK, REFERRED TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

**119-15 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION CONCERNING RENTAL SPACE FOR DOWNTOWN DESIGN CENTER AS PART OF THE FEDERAL COASTAL RESILIENCY PROJECTS IN BRIDGEPORT, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**120-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: 2016 HEALTHY CORNER STORE INITIATIVE STATE GRANT (PROJECT #16387), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**121-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: 2017 CONNECTICUT STATE LIBRARY TARGETED GRANT**

**PROGRAM (PROJECT #17213), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**122-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DIAL-A-RIDE MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED (PROJECT #17408), REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**123-15 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LAZ PARKING LTD. LLC TO IMPROVE METERED PARKING AS A PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND TO ENHANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, REFERRED TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**125-15 COMMUNICATION FROM HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE 2016-2018 NOMINEE'S TO THE CITIZEN'S UNION COMMITTEE, REFERRED TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SALTER SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):**

Mayor Ganim then asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. Hearing none, he requested City Clerk Martinez read the items into the record.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**\*65-15 PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REQUEST THAT BUNNELL STREET IS GIVEN THE HONORARY DESIGNATION OF "SINCERE PETTWAY LANE" WITH PROPER SIGNAGE BEING PLACED ABOVE CORNER STREET SIGNS OF CRESCENT AVENUE AND STRATFORD AVENUE.**

**\*109-15 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 5 – BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS, AMENDING VARIOUS CHAPTERS: 5.12, 5.16, 5.24, 5.32, 5.36, 5.46, 5.48, AND 5.80 ALL RELATING TO FEES.**

**\*110-15 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 6.04 – ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS GENERALLY, AMEND SECTION 6.04.020, BUYING AND SELLING LIVE POULTRY, RELATING TO FEES.**

**\*111-15 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 8 – HEALTH AND SAFETY, AMENDING CHAPTERS: 8.12, 8.16, 8.20, 8.28, 8.36, 8.44, 8.84 AND 8.90 RELATING TO FEES AND AMEND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS: 8.20.660 AND 8.28.230.**

**\*112-15 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 9.16 – WEAPONS, AMEND SECTION 9.16.020 PERMIT TO CARRY CERTAIN WEAPONS – FEE.**

**\*113-15 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 10.12 – STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING GENERALLY, AMEND SECTION 10.12.010, RESTRICTIONS ON STOPPING OR PARKING GENERALLY – VIOLATIONS – PENALTIES – EXEMPTION, RELATING TO FEES.**

**\*114-15 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 12 – STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES AMENDING VARIOUS CHAPTERS: 12.08, 12.12, 12.16 AND 12.28, RELATING TO FEES.**

**\*115-15 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE 15 – BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION AMEND VARIOUS CHAPTERS: 15.08, 15.32 AND 15.36 RELATING TO FEES.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER SALTER SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**CORRECTION:**

**COMMUNICATION FOR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE:**

**124-15 Communication from Parks and Recreation re: Proposed Sale of Certain Excess D. Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course Property: (1) schedule a Public Hearing on this matter before the full City Council at the June 6th Meeting, and (2) referred to Contracts Committee. (Item corrected to reflect that the City Council is taking two separate actions on May 16, 2016)**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS MATTER BEFORE THE FULL CITY COUNCIL AT THE JUNE 1ST MEETING AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED FROM JUNE 6TH TO JUNE 1ST.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO REFER THE ITEM TO CONTRACTS COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD THE FOLLOWING THREE ITEMS TO THE AGENDA:**

**127-15 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2.102 PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, AMEND SECTION 2.102.060 LAND USE APPLICATION AND REVIEW FEES.**

**128-15 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2.389 CODE OF ETHICS, AMEND TO ADD NEW SECTION 2.38.050 PROVISION CONCERNING SUBSEQUENT EMPLOYMENT.**

**129-15 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMEND CHAPTER 8.76 ANTI-BLIGHT PROGRAM.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO REFER THE FOLLOWING THREE ITEMS TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**127-15 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2.102 PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, AMEND SECTION 2.102.060 LAND USE APPLICATION AND REVIEW FEES.**

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**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CASCO MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULE TO REFER AN ITEM CONCERNING PROPOSED RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE LIBRARY BOARD.**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. (ITEM # 126-15)**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER CASCO MOVED TO REFER AN ITEM REGARDING THE BRIDGEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY TO THE MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council President McCarthy then thanked all those who participated in the Junior Council Member program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes

Telesco Secretarial Services